

Program Notice

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PESTICIDE RESIDUE LETTERHEAD STATEMENT **FOR EXPORT WHEAT CARGOES**

1. PURPOSE

This program notice transmits a letterhead statement concerning pesticide residues in export wheat cargoes.

2. BACKGROUND

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) conducts an ongoing survey, sponsored by the U.S. Wheat Associates (USW), of export wheat cargoes where random samples are forwarded to the Technical Services Division (TSD) for pesticide residue analysis and other analytical tests. The purpose of the survey is to collect information on the attributes of U.S. wheat exports so that the USW can advise importers worldwide on what they can buy, what it will cost, and what advantages our product has over the competition.

Based on the pesticide residue data obtained through export cargo survey FGIS developed a letterhead statement that can be used to enhance the marketing of U.S. Wheat.

3. LETTERHEAD STATEMENT

Upon request of an applicant for service, FGIS will issue the following letterhead statement for wheat shipments.

“The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), in conjunction with the U.S. Wheat Associates, provides on a continuing basis analysis of export wheat cargoes for pesticide residues.

Overall, samples are tested by GIPSA for the presence of 61 different pesticide residues/compounds, including Chlorpyrifos Methyl and Malathion. Results of the residue analyses from randomly selected samples indicate that wheat shipped from U.S. ports are within the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) limits, as well as CODEX established tolerances.”

4. PESTICIDE RESIDUE TESTING SERVICE

In addition to the export cargo survey, FGIS provides pesticide residue testing analysis as an official criteria factor for domestic and export shipments of wheat, barley, corn, and soybeans. This service is provided upon request, and for a service fee.

Pesticide residue testing is performed at the USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Technical Services Division (TSD), Kansas City, Missouri. The service is provided using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. The procedures and a list of compounds which FGIS test for in grain are found in Directive 9180.40, Pesticide Residue Testing for Grain.

5. QUESTIONS

Direct questions regarding the letterhead statement or the Pesticide Residue Testing program to the Policies and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0224.

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